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An Act To Make Marine Resources Management More Responsive

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 157, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Rules to limit taking of marine organisms. The commissioner may adopt rules that limit the taking of a marine organism for the purpose of protecting another marine organism. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are ~~major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A,~~ except that rules adopted regarding the resource management plan of Taunton Bay are routine technical rules ~~pursuant to as defined in~~ Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill changes all the rules that are adopted to limit the taking of a marine organism for the purpose of protecting another marine organism from major substantive rules to routine technical rules in order to allow the Department of Marine Resources to respond more effectively to fisheries management needs.